

May 29, 2014



## Mobile health services offered at 12 sites in the county in June

### *Special Event – Laurel Civic Association Health Fair in Laurel*

SARASOTA COUNTY — The Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County's (DOH-Sarasota) Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit staff will provide free and low-cost health services at 12 sites around the county during June. The mobile medical unit staff will also be present at the Laurel Civic Association Health Fair on Wednesday, June 18 from 1:30-5 p.m. at the Sandra Sims Terry Community Center, 509 Collins Road in Laurel. This is in lieu of the regularly scheduled U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program that occurs on the third Wednesday at that location.



The services offered through the mobile unit include diabetes education and screening, blood pressure tests, pregnancy testing, HIV testing, body mass index (BMI) measurement, health education and adult immunizations.

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine that offers safe and effective protection against certain cancers is offered at no cost to those who are 19-26 and have no insurance.

One dose of the Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine is recommended to replace the regular tetanus vaccine for adults, and pregnant women (for each pregnancy). It is especially important in preventing pertussis or whooping cough in adults who care for infants who are too young to be vaccinated. This vaccine is available to individuals 19-26 years of age who have no insurance or who are under insured. Tdap is also available at no-cost with no age limit for the homeless. Hepatitis B vaccine is also available at no cost to those who qualify through the special '09' Hepatitis Prevention Program.

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The staff also assists individuals who lack medical insurance and do not have a health care provider to find a medical home for ongoing health care.

No appointment is needed. Some services are free, including HIV rapid testing with results in 20 minutes. Other services are provided on a sliding-fee scale based on income. A registered nurse is available at all sites.

While these services are most often provided in a 40-foot-long bus, there are times when services are provided inside the facilities visited.

The following is a schedule of dates and locations for the mobile unit:

### **SARASOTA**

Thursdays, June 5, 12, and 26; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Salvation Army  
1400 10th St.

Monday, June 9, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Walmart Neighborhood Market  
3500 N. Tamiami Trail

Tuesday, June 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Career Source Suncoast (formerly known as Suncoast Workforce-Sarasota)  
3660 N. Washington Blvd.

Friday, June 13, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Goodwill Manasota North Trail Center  
5150 N. Tamiami Trail

Tuesday, June 24, noon-4 p.m.  
Sarasota Housing Authority Property  
Janie's Garden  
2446 Central Ave.

### **LAUREL**

#### **Special Event**

Wednesday, June 18, 1:30-5 p.m.  
Laurel Civic Association Health Fair  
In lieu of the regularly scheduled U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program  
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center  
509 Collins Road

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**VENICE**

Wednesday, June 4, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program  
Venice Community Center  
326 Nokomis Ave. S.

Wednesday, June 11 and 25, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Salvation Army Family Store  
1160 U.S. 41 Bypass South

Wednesday, June 18, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Habitat for Humanity Re-Store  
1400 Ogden Road

**NORTH PORT**

Monday, June 2, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Walmart Supercenter  
17000 Tamiami Trail

Friday, June 27, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Goodwill Manasota Center North Port  
U.S. 41 and Sumter Blvd.

Monday, June 30, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Publix Super Market at Heron Creek Towne Center of North Port  
1291 S. Sumter Blvd.

**ENGLEWOOD**

Tuesday, June 3, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Elsie Quirk Library  
100 W. Dearborn St.

For more information, call 941-861-5000 or visit [www.sarasotahealth.org](http://www.sarasotahealth.org).

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